## Patent claims

- 1. Method for requesting the agreement of a user of a mobile terminal (13) of a mobile radio network (14, 16) to the transfer (8) of their position data (28) to a party (11) requesting this position data (28), where, in the case of the arrival (2) of a request (1) from a requester (11) for the position (28) of the mobile terminal (13) in a switching center (14) of the mobile radio network (14, 16, 15)
- the switching center (14) causes a database server (26) to make a

  thorough check (2a) on the basis of data stored there (26) relating
  to the mobile terminal verification rules (18;21) as to whether an
  agreement on the mobile terminal side (13) to forward (8) the mobile
  terminal position to the requester (11) can be obtained (3,4), in
  which case the result (2b) of this check is sent to the switching

  center (14), in which case if the result (2b) at least indicates
  that the agreement can be obtained. a request (3) for clarification
  of the agreement is sent (3) by the switching center (14) to the
  mobile terminal (13) and if the agreement is available (4) a
  transmission (7, 8) of the position (28) of the terminal (13) to the
  requester (11) takes place.
  - Method according to Claim 1,
     in which
     the request (1) arrives at a position data acceptance location (GMLC
     of the mobile radio network.
- 3. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which,

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the switching center (14) is an MSC or SGSN.

- 4. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which
- the switching center (14) request the position of the mobile 5 terminal (13) from a BSS or RAN (15) of the mobile radio network.
  - 5. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which
- a verification rules specification (18) can only contain a prespecified set of different instructions, especially the instructions: Position data transfer without notification, position data transfer with notification to the mobile terminal, position data transfer only after agreement (4) of the mobile station or if no response is received from the mobile station, only transfer position data with the agreement (4) of the mobile station.
- 6. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which for a multiplicity of mobile subscriber identity modules (13) and/or mobile stations (13) verification rules specifications (18;21) and identity specifications are stored for the mobile terminal or for a mobile subscriber identity module contained in it (18).
  - 7. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which
  - a switching center (14), especially a Visitor Location Register of a switching center regularly receives from the Home Location Register (16) of a mobile network the telecommunications address of the

database server (26) or receives it when a mobile terminal registers

at the switching center (14) or its Visitor Location Register VLR.

- 8. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which
- Position data is only transferred (8) to a requester (11) if this is allowed for the period of the recording of the position according to stored (21) conditions for the user of the mobile station (13) or its mobile subscriber identity module through attributes (20) stored in the database.
  - 9. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims
- 10 in which
  - the conditions can be changed by the user via their mobile terminal or another terminal by mobile radio, WAP, Internet, fixed network or in another way.
  - 10. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims
- 15 in which
  - the switching center (14) is the mobile switching center currently being used by the mobile terminal (13).
  - 11. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which
- 20 the database server (LCS central privacy location (26) is arranged in an SCP.
  - 12. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which
- the database server (LCS central privacy location 26) is a database which contains the verification rules specifications (18) and possibly additional attributes (21) and includes an additional unit which makes the check (20).

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13. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which

the entries (18) are stored in the database server (26) but, to make upwards compatibility with a Home Location Register (HLR 16), which does not support the improvement of the LCS Privacy in accordance with the invention, entries (18) for a mobile network Home Location Register (HLR 16) are transmitted on request or at regular intervals, so that the mobile network Home Location Register (HLR 16) can transmit (step 0) the entries (18) to a switching center 10 (14).

14. Method in accordance with Claim 13 in which

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- a proportion of the checks (LCS Privacy Checks 20) is performed in accordance with a classification (19) in the switching center (14) and the result is transmitted (step 2a) as an additional input parameter to the database server (central privacy location 26).
- 15. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims in which

the entries are stored (18) in a Home Location Register (16), only 20 additional attributes (2) are stored in the database server (central privacy location 26) and the address of the database server (central privacy location 26) is stored in the HLR.

- 16. Device for executing the method in accordance with one of the previous claims.
- 25 17. Switching device (14), especially in accordance with Claim 16, - with an input for requests (2) from a requester (11) for position data (26) of a mobile station (13), -with an output for transfer (7) of position data (26) to the

requester (11),

- with a memory for an address (24) of a database (26) -with an interface to a Home Location Register (16) for downloading (0) the address (24) of the database (26) into the memory of the switching equipment (14),
- -where the switching equipment (14) is embodied such that on request (2) for the position (26) of a mobile terminal (13) in accordance with the verification rules specifications (18) transferred (2b) to it from the database (26) asks the mobile station (13) for agreement (3, 4) to transfer its position data (7) and/ or sends it information.